

Sunday 12th March 2023
Lent 3

Almighty God, consider the heartfelt desires of your servants and stretch out the right hand of your majesty to defend us against all our enemies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

St John's Knutsford

8.30am
Led by: Nigel Atkinson
Acts 5:17-33 (p913)

Holy Communion
Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
Matthew 16:13-19(p822)

10.15am
Led by John Lee

Morning Worship
Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

6.30pm
Led by Helen Eccles
Exodus 13:17-14:12

Evening Service
Preacher: Dan Young
Exodus 14: 13-31

St John's Toft

10.15am
Led by: Helen Eccles
Ephesians 5:1-14(p1176)

Holy Communion
Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee
Luke 11:14-28(p1043)

In the middle of a crisis? Sick? In need? Not sure what to do next? We have friends in Knutsford & Toft you can talk to. Call our Vicar Nigel (01565 632834) or our Associate Vicar Tom (01565 755160 or 01565 631606)

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Days off: Fridays: Helen & Tom; Saturdays: Nigel.

SERMONS

Knutsford morning sermons can now be found on YouTube on the day after recording on our URL:
<https://www.youtube.com/stjohnsknutsford>

GIVING TO OUR CHURCHES

SJK account name: St Johns Knutsford Parochial Church Council; sort code: 20-53-77; account number: 5027 8548

SJT account name: Parochial Church Council of St John Toft; sort code: 16-22-27; account number 1213 7544.

Mon 9.30am Staff meeting (centre)
13th 5.00pm English lessons (centre)
Mar 8.00pm Rock Choir (church)

On Commonwealth Day pray that all members may be able to share in prosperity, democracy and peace.

Tue 2.00pm Toft Fellowship (6, Glebelands)
14th 7.30pm Tatton Singers (church)
Mar Toft Fellowship (Zoom)

Praise God for charities working to provide drinking water and irrigation in areas of drought and poverty.

Wed 9.30am Women's Community Group
15th (centre)
Mar 10.00am Rock Choir
12.30pm Toft: Lent Holy Communion and soup lunch
5.00pm Brownies

Pray for world leaders, that they may address the many global problems we face with wisdom and unselfishness.

Thu 10.00am Oasis (centre)
16th 7.45pm Youth Bible Study
Mar

Praise God for Christian intercessors, clothed in His armour and able to resist the spiritual powers that war against us at all levels of society.

Fri 11.30am Toft funeral: Beryl Mary Stacey
17th
Mar

Pray for the family and friends of Beryl Stacey, whose funeral is at Toft today, that they may be comforted in their loss.

Sat 10.00am Rock Choir Coffee Morning
18th
Mar

Praise God for our ministry team, and pray they may be encouraged and built up in the love of the church family.

Sunday 19th March Lent 4/Mothering Sunday

Knutsford 8.30am BCP
10.15am Holy Communion /
Thanksgiving
6.30pm Evening Worship

Toft 10.15am Morning Worship

I will sing to the LORD all my life. I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Praise the LORD, O my soul!

HOPE CENTRAL

Hope Central has current need of Fray Bentos pies, small tins of ham, small bags of rice, pot noodles, and UHT semi-skimmed milk. Financial contributions are particularly welcome. You can also have up to date information on what is needed if you put their app on your phone: bankthefood.

CHURCH CHOIR - SJK

The Church Choir is up and running! Rehearsals 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays, 5pm-6pm in church. We will sing on Easter Sunday at 10:15 and thereafter on 3rd Sundays at 10:15. If you would like to know more, please contact Paul Morley 07866 551557 morley.p.e@talktalk.net

WOOD STREET MISSION

Although we're not officially supporting Wood Street anymore, if you would like to donate children's books or clothes to them, Rachel Sampson is happy to receive them at her house. Please contact the church office for her address and/or phone number.

MARRIAGE COURSE

We are hoping to run 'The Marriage Course' in the summer term. It's seven sessions designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage. As part of our mission to serve Knutsford, the course will be open and accessible to any couple, whether Christian or not. We aim to run it on a weekday evening and provide a meal and relaxing comfortable environment. To enable this to happen we need your help! We will need help with setting up/catering/serving food/creating a welcoming space etc. Please consider whether you might be able to help with this, you don't need to commit to every week. If you can help, please email me (tomhollingsbee@stjohnsknutsford.org.uk).

Thanks! Tom and Ann Hollingsbee

LENT LUNCHESES

Every Wednesday until 5th April there will be a service of Holy Communion at Toft church at 12.30pm, followed by a simple lunch of soup and a roll. All are welcome, but please let the office or Toft church wardens know if you want soup, so there is enough for everyone!

WOMEN'S COFFEE MORNING @SJK

All women in both churches are warmly invited to join us on Saturday 25th March from 10 - 11.30 for coffee, cake and chat. See the flyers available in church.

ROY EVANS

Roy is now in Tabley House. The family and I send grateful thanks for all the prayers, love and support given during this difficult time of change. With much love and God bless, from June.

SCOFFERS

There will be a forum to promote the scientific understanding of Creation and Evolution theory, at Christ Church, 169 Crook Lane, Wharton, Winsford, CW7 3DR next Friday 17th March at 7.30pm. The speaker is Simon Turpin. Flyers are available in the church centre or you can contact Chris Watkin on 07940 877465. The event is free. There will be a bookstall and light refreshments available.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT FORM

Please sign yours if you haven't done so already!

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

This post is still open for applications, and the Church Wardens are happy to consider flexible hours and/or a job share. Please contact Elaine, Andy or me for further details as soon as possible. CH

ROAD CLOSURE

Cheshire East will close the bottom half of Church Hill to traffic when snow and icy conditions are expected, or the road surface temperatures are due to drop below freezing for 18 hours or more. It will still be open to pedestrians.

MARCH DIARY DATES

19 th Mar	Mothering Sunday & Thanksgiving service
23 rd Mar	Men's Book Club @The Angel
25 th Mar	Ladies' Coffee, Cake and Chat
31 st Mar	Café closes for Easter: Bianca's last day